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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), OCON, EAGR

SUBJECT: SECSTATE VISIT ROME AND WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

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1. WFC SHCHEDULE FOR MORNING NOVEMBER 5 IS AGAIN IN QUESTION AND  
POSES REAL PROBLEMS FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SCHEDULE. UN NEW  
YORK HAS CABLED WFC ORGANIZERS IN ROME PROPOSING FOLLOWING SCHEDULE  
FOR WFC NOVEMBER 5:

1100-1300 SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM OPENS CONFERENCE AND  
INTRODUCES PRESIDENT LEONE.  
PRESIDENT PEONE ADDRESSES CONFERENCE.  
SHORT BREAK TO PERMIT WALDHEIM TO ESCORT  
PRESIDENT LEONE FROM CONFERENCE.  
ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF WFC.  
STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT OF WFC.  
STATEMENT BY SECRETARY GENERAL OF WFC MAREI.  
REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING (ON  
ASSUMPTION PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING SUCCESSFULLY  
DETERMINED ALLOCATION OF VICE PRESIDENCIES,  
AGENDA, RULES, ETC.)

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ADDRESS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER.

2. FURTHER COMPLICATING FACTOR IS THAT WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED INVITATION

FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SECRETARY BUTZ FROM SECRETARY GENERAL MAREI FOR WFC-ORIENTED LUNCH. (FOREIGN MINISTRY SAYS WFC LUNCHEON IS HOSTED BY WALDHEIM AND MAREI.) (GOI IS AWARE OF CONFLICT BETWEEN WFC LUNCH AND FOREIGN MINISTER MORO'S LUNCH FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER.)

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY PREFERS WFC SCHEDULE REPORTED REF. (A), PARA 4, WHICH WOULD SCHEDULE LEONE, WALDHEIM, AND SECRETARY TO SPEAK BEFORE LUNCH. THIS WOULD MAKE FOR MORE EFFICIENT USE OF SECRETARY'S TIME AND FREE HIM FOR PROPOSED LUNCHEON HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER MORO. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY WILL WEIGH IN WITH WFC ORGANIZERS TO STICK TO LEONE/WALDHEIM/SECRETARY KISSINGER MORNING SCHEDULE. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY ALSO PUSH WFC ORGANIZERS IN THIS DIRECTION.

4. EMBASSY WILL DEFER ALL ACTION WITH REGARD TO WFC SCHEDULE PENDING RECEIPT OF SECRETARY'S PREFERENCES AND INSTRUCTIONS. WE NOTE THAT EFFORTS TO PUSH WFC ORGANIZERS TOWARD A MORE STREAMLINED MORNING SCHEDULE COULD BE TAKEN AS, INTER ALIA, AN EFFORT TO SEE THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK BEFORE BOUMEDIENE, THUS POSSIBLY COMPLICATING OUR RELATIONS WITH ALGERIANS.

5. ADDITIONALLY WE RECOGNIZE THAT A FULL DAY'S SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 5 AT WFC, CULMINATING IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ADDRESS (IF UN'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE HOLDS) MIGHT MAKE SECRETARY'S ATTENDANCE AT WFC LUNCH OF HIGHER PRIORITY OVERALL. AS INDICATED ABOVE GOI WOULD PREFER PRIOR SCHEDULE WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE SECRETARY TO SPEND LUNCH AND THE AFTERNOON WITH GOI LEADERS. WE HAVE INDICATED THAT WE MUST AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE CONFIRMING THE SECRETARY'S PROGRAM AND THE MFA WORKING LEVEL UNDERSTANDS THIS. IF THE SECRETARY IS CAUGHT UP IN A SCHEDULE IMPOSED BY THE UN WE BELIEVE THE ITALIANS WILL BE DISAPPOINTED BUT WILL ACCEPT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WFC IN THE TOTAL PICTURE.

6. IN ANY EVENT EXPOSURE TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS WILL  
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BE CONSIDERABLE. FOREIGN MINISTER MORO IS PLANNING TO MEET THE SECRETARY AT CIAMPINO AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL AND WE LEARN THAT OTHER SENIOR GOI MEMBERS MAY ALSO ATTEND PRESIDENT LEONE'S DINNER NOVEMBER 4.

7. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS ASAP CONCERNING SECRETARY'S PREFERENCE FOR LUNCH NOVEMBER 5, AND INSTRUCTIONS WITH REGARD TO UN PROPOSED WFC SCHEDULE OUTLINED ABOVE.

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